GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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LPG/PETROL DIESEL/DISTRIBUTORSHIP AT PANCHAYAT LEVEL
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government propose to give distributorship at Panchayatlevel to ensure supply of petroleum products (diesel, LPG, petrol) in rural areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the names of States where the said programme has been initiated so far?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) to (c) After the dismantling of the Administered Pricing Mechanism(APM) in the petroleum sector with effect from 1.4.2002, the Oil Marketing Companies have freedom to choose locations for setting up retail outlets dealerships/ SKO-LDO dealerships/LPG distributorships in various parts of the country including rural areas provided that the locations meet certain norms like commercial viability and non-encroachment of the existing dealerships/distributorships.